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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Report of the Economic Committee

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of development and international economic cooperation at its 2nd to 4th, 8th, 9th, 11th to 14th and 16th meetings, on 30 June and 1, 20, 22, 23, 24 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its third special session (A/47/25); 1/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the further substantive follow-up of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 by Governments and organizations of the United Nations system (A/47/121-E/1992/15);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (A/47/222-E/1992/57 and Corr.1);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the note and report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the resource and other implications of the application of the new criteria for identifying the least developed countries on the implementation of the Programme of Action for those countries for the 1990s (A/47/278-E/1992/77);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation in fisheries in Africa (A/47/279-E/1992/79);

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/47/25).

(f) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "The unification of Yemen: support of the international community for its economic and social infrastructure" and "Assistance to Yemen" (A/47/283-E/1992/83);

(g) Letter dated 30 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Geneva Declaration for Rural Women, adopted at the Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women, held at Geneva on 25 and 26 February 1992 (A/47/308-E/1992/97);

(h) Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-eighth session (E/1992/27); 2/

(i) World Economic Survey, 1992 (E/1992/40 and Corr.1 and 2);

(j) Report of the Secretary-General on the main research findings of the United Nations system in major global economic and social trends, policies and emerging issues (E/1992/46);

(k) Note by the Secretary-General on combating aridity, soil erosion, salinity, water-logging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia (E/1992/53).

2. At the 2nd to 4th, 8th, 9th, 11th and 12th meetings, on 30 June and 1, 20 and 22 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the question of development and international economic cooperation.

3. At the 2nd meeting, on 30 June, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Deputy to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

4. At the 2nd and 9th meetings, on 30 June and 20 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Director of the Development Policy and Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Development.

5. At the 11th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Assistant Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, the representative of the Economic and Social Council Affairs and Inter-Agency Coordination Division of the Department of Economic and Social Development and the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

6. At the 2nd meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries),

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2/ To be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 7 (E/1992/27).

China, Romania and Australia, as well as by the observer for Portugal (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community). The representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Commission of the European Communities and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council, category I, also made statements.

7. At the 3rd meeting, on 30 June, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Argentina, the Russian Federation and Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries). The representatives of the International Labour Organisation and the World Federation of Trade Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council, category I, also made statements.

8. At the 4th meeting, on 1 July, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Colombia, Yugoslavia, Mexico, Poland, the United States of America, Malaysia, Suriname, India, Algeria, Belarus and Bangladesh and by the observer for Sri Lanka.

9. At the 9th meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members if the Group of 77), the Philippines, Poland, Japan, the Russian Federation, Australia, Romania, Bangladesh, Morocco, Colombia, China and Chile, as well as by the observer for Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic countries). The representative of the International Labour Organisation made a statement. Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the International Organization of Consumers Unions, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, category I.

10. At the 11th meeting, on 22 July, statements were made by the representatives of Australia (on behalf of the Cairns group) and by the observer for Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic countries). The representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Development Programme also made statements.

11. At the 12th meeting, on 22 July, statements were made by the representatives of China, Japan, the United States of America, Canada, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Chile, Morocco, the Philippines and Bangladesh. The representatives of the Commission of the European Communities, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Organization of Consumers Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council, category I, also made statements.

Geneva Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women

12. At the 11th meeting, on 22 July, the representative of Belgium introduced, on behalf of Algeria, Angola, Barbados, 3/ Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, 3/ Botswana, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, 3/ Ecuador, Egypt, 3/ El Salvador, 3/ Guatemala, 3/ Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, 3/ Luxembourg, 3/ Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, 3/ Mongolia, 3/ Morocco, Nepal, 3/ Nigeria, 3/ Peru, Philippines, Senegal, 3/ Spain, Sri Lanka, 3/ Turkey, United Republic of Tanzania 3/ and Zaire, a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.5) entitled "Geneva Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women". Subsequently Bangladesh, Chile, Guinea-Bissau, 3/ Suriname, Switzerland, 3/ Togo and Tunisia 3/ joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling its resolution 1991/64 of 26 July 1991 on the Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women,

"Recognizing the critical role of rural women as food producers and architects of household food security,

"Noting with deep concern the continuing rise in the number of rural women living in poverty,

"Reiterating its commitment to contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of rural women,

"Welcoming the organization of the Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women, held in Geneva on 25 and 26 February 1992, with the participation of a large number of First Ladies and other high-level delegations,

"Expressing its appreciation to Her Majesty Queen Fabiola of Belgium, the patron of the Summit, to the First Ladies of Colombia, Egypt, Malaysia, Nigeria, Senegal and Turkey, members of the core group of initiators who launched the initiative to convene the Summit, and to the International Fund for Agricultural Development and other institutions that provided support for the Summit,

"1. Endorses the Geneva Declaration for Rural Women adopted at the Summit; 4/

3/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

4/ A/47/308-E/1992/97, annex.

"2. Calls on all States, and on the organizations, agencies, bodies and organs of the United Nations system, to take urgent measures, within their respective mandates, to implement the Geneva Declaration."

13. At the same meeting, the representative of Sri Lanka made a statement.

14. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.15), submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.5.

15. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.15 (see para. 25 below, draft resolution I).

16. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.15, draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.5 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

Cooperation in fisheries in Africa

17. At the 13th meeting, on 23 July, the representative of Morocco, on behalf of Benin, Cameroon, 3/ Cape Verde, 3/ Côte d'Ivoire, 3/ Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, 3/ Morocco, Senegal, 3/ Togo and Zaire, introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.8) entitled "Cooperation in fisheries in Africa". Subsequently, Angola, Congo, 3/ Mauritania, 3/ Nigeria, 3/ Sierra Leone 3/ and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

18. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.8 and amended operative paragraph 3 thereof by replacing the words "the protection and continued monitoring of the fishery resources of the region" by the words "for the protection and continued monitoring of the marine resources of the region".

19. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.8, as orally amended (see para. 25 below, draft resolution II).

20. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of Algeria made a statement on behalf of Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Tunisia.

Combating aridity, soil erosion, salinity, water-logging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia

21. At the 14th meeting, on 24 July, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of Bangladesh, India and the Islamic Republic of of Iran, introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.10) entitled "Combating aridity, soil erosion, salinity, water-logging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia".

22. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), informed the Committee of the results of the

informal consultations held on draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.10 and orally amended it as follows:

(a) In the third preambular paragraph, the words "the negotiations on a convention on drought and desertification" were replaced by the words "national and international cooperative efforts";

(b) In operative paragraph 2, the words "Council at its substantive session of 1993 and as an input for the negotiations on the convention on drought and desertification" were replaced by the words "General Assembly at its forty-seventh session".

23. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.10, as orally amended (see para. 25 below, draft resolution III).

Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of development and international economic cooperation

24. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the reports considered by the Council in connection with the question of development and international economic cooperation (see para. 26 below).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

25. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Geneva Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1991/64 of 26 July 1991 on the Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women,

Recognizing the critical role of rural women as food producers and architects of household food security,

Noting with deep concern the continuing rise in the number of rural women living in poverty,

Reiterating its commitment to contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of rural women,

Welcoming the organization of the Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women, held in Geneva on 25 and 26 February 1992, with the participation of a large number of First Ladies and other high-level delegations,

Expressing its appreciation to the Patron of the Summit, to the core group of First Ladies who launched the initiative to convene the Summit, and to the International Fund for Agricultural Development and other institutions that provided support for the Summit,

1. Welcomes the adoption by the Summit of the Geneva Declaration for Rural Women; 5/

2. Urges all States to work for the achievement of the goals endorsed in the Geneva Declaration;

3. Urges all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take into account the goals of the Geneva Declaration in carrying out their programmes, and invites the relevant governing bodies to consider specific measures, within their competence, to address the special needs of rural women in the light of the Geneva Declaration.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Cooperation in fisheries in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/184 of 21 December 1990,

Recalling also its resolutions 1990/77 of 27 July 1990 and 1991/73 of 26 July 1991,

Aware of the importance of regional and subregional agreements for the development of fishery resources,

Considering the need to encourage these initiatives, which are directed towards attaining food self-sufficiency, improving nutrition, diversifying exports, promoting employment and ensuring the sustainable development of fishery resources,

Welcoming the convening, at Rabat in 1989 and at Dakar in 1991, of the first and second sessions of the Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in Fisheries among the African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation in fisheries in Africa 6/ and the oral report by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

5/ A/47/308-E/1992/97, annex.

6/ A/47/279-E/1992/79.

2. Welcomes the progress achieved in implementing the cooperation programmes of the Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in Fisheries among the African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean;

3. Invites the Conference to intensify its activities with a view to ensuring the sustainable development of fishery resources, in particular through the adoption of effective norms in the area of fisheries planning and management, further encouragement for the compilation and dissemination of fishery statistics as well as marine scientific research, and for the protection and continued monitoring of the marine resources of the region;

4. Welcomes the support shown by the organizations of the United Nations system and by donor countries for the achievement of Conference objectives;

5. Reiterates its appeal to the international community, organizations of the United Nations system, donor countries and international and regional financial institutions to contribute generously to the implementation of Conference programmes and projects;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1994, a report by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, working in cooperation with the other relevant organizations and in close consultation with the Acting Chairman of the Conference, on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution and on the outcome of the third session of the Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in Fisheries among the African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean, to be held in Cape Verde in 1993;

7. Decides to include in the agenda of its substantive session of 1994 an item entitled "Cooperation in fisheries in Africa".

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Combating aridity, soil erosion, salinity, water-logging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1991/97 of 26 July 1991,

Taking note of the interim note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/97, 7/

Stressing that South Asia, one of the most populous regions in the world, contains significant areas subject to aridity, soil erosion, salinity,

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7/ E/1992/53.

water-logging, desertification and the effects of drought, which affect the lives of millions of people and the entire environment of the region,

Stressing also the importance of the study requested in its resolution 1991/97 in the context of national and international cooperative efforts,

1. Notes with concern that the complete implementation of resolution 1991/97 could not be carried out and its results presented to the Council at its substantive session of 1992;

2. Urges the Secretary-General, in full compliance with resolution 1991/97, to submit the study to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

26. The Economic Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of development and international economic cooperation

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its third special session; 8/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the further substantive follow-up of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 by Governments and organizations of the United Nations system; 9/

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment; 10/

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the note and report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the resource and other implications of the application of the new criteria for identifying the least developed countries on the implementation of the Programme of Action for those countries for the 1990s; 11/

8/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/47/25).

9/ A/47/121-E/1992/15.

10/ A/47/222-E/1992/57 and Corr.1

11/ A/47/278-E/1992/77.

(e) Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-eighth session; 12/

(f) World Economic Survey, 1992; 13/

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on the main research findings of the United Nations system in major global economic and social trends, policies and emerging issues. 14/

12/ E/1992/27; to be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 7.

13/ E/1992/40 and Corr.1 and 2.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE FOURTH UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENERGY RESOURCES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Report of the Economic Committee

A. Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (agenda item 12 (a)) at its 2nd to 4th and 16th meetings, on 30 June and 1 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the following reports:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (A/47/270-E/1992/74);

(b) Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-eighth session (E/1992/27). 1/

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 7 (E/1992/27).

2. At its 2nd to 4th meetings, on 30 June and 1 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the questions of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (agenda item 12 (a)), trade and development (agenda item 12 (b)), development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy (agenda item 12 (g)) and development of the energy resources of developing countries (agenda item 12 (h)).

3. At the 2nd meeting, on 30 June, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Development, Policy and Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Development.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), China, Romania and Australia and the observer for Portugal (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community). The representative of the World Food Council made a statement. The representative of the Commission of the European Communities also made a statement. The representative of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council, category I, also made a statement.

5. At the 3rd meeting, on 30 June, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Argentina, the Russian Federation and Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries). The representative of the International Labour Organisation made a statement. The representative of the World Federation of Trade Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council, category I, also made a statement.

6. At the 4th meeting, on 1 July, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Colombia, Yugoslavia, Mexico, Poland, the United States of America, Malaysia, Suriname, India, Algeria, Belarus and Bangladesh and the observer for Sri Lanka.

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

7. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (A/47/270-E/1992/74) (see para. 24 below, draft decision I).

B. Trade and development

8. The Economic Committee considered the question of trade and development (agenda item 12 (b)) at its 2nd to 4th and 16th meetings, on 30 June and 1 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-eighth session (A/47/15). 2/

9. At its 2nd to 4th meetings, on 30 June and 1 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2-6 above).

10. At the 2nd meeting, on 30 June, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Deputy to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-eighth session

11. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-eighth session (A/47/15) (see para. 24 below, draft decision II).

C. Development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy

12. The Economic Committee considered the question of utilization of new and renewable sources of energy (agenda item 12 (g)) at its 2nd to 4th and 16th meetings, on 30 June and 1 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its sixth session (A/47/36). 3/

13. At its 2nd to 4th meetings, on 30 June and 1 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2-6 above).

14. At the 2nd meeting, on 30 June, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Science and Technology, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Economic and Social Development.

2/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/47/15, vol. I).

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 36 (A/47/36).

Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its sixth session

15. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its sixth session (A/47/36) (see para. 24 below, draft decision III).

D. Development of the energy resources of developing countries

16. The Economic Committee considered the question of development of the energy resources of developing countries (agenda item 12 (h)) at its 2nd to 4th, 8th and 16th meetings, on 30 June and 1, 20 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on energy exploration and development trends in developing countries (A/47/202-E/1992/51).

17. At its 2nd to 4th meetings, on 30 June and 1 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2-6 above).

18. At the 2nd meeting, on 30 June, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Science and Technology, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Economic and Social Development.

19. At the 8th meeting, on 20 July, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.1) entitled "Development of the energy resources of developing countries", which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Reaffirming the critical importance of the development of energy resources of developing countries and the need for measures by the international community to assist and support the efforts of developing countries, in particular the energy-deficient among them, to develop their energy resources in order to meet their needs through cooperation, assistance and investment in the field of conventional and of new and renewable sources of energy, consistent with their national policies, plans and priorities,

"Reaffirming also that the developing countries have the primary responsibility for the strategies and policies for the exploration and development of their energy resources,

"1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on energy exploration and development trends in developing countries (A/47/202-E/1992/51);

"2. Reaffirms that an adequate flow of external resources in support of the national efforts of developing countries, in particular the energy-deficient among them, is needed to finance, within the legislative framework of each country, the exploration and development of their energy resources;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the matter under constant review and to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 a report on the efforts made in this regard;

"4. Strongly endorses the recommendation of the Secretary-General that the General Assembly consider the preparation of an expanded programme of action in order to mobilize the international community to increase efforts for comprehensive national, bilateral and multilateral measures to accelerate the exploration and development of energy resources in developing countries, with full respect to their national sovereignty."

20. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.18), submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.1.

21. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.18 (see para. 23 below).

22. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.18, draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.1 was withdrawn.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

23. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Development of the energy resources of developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the critical importance of the development of energy resources of developing countries and the need for measures by the international community to assist and support the efforts of developing countries, in particular the energy-deficient among them, to develop their energy resources in order to meet their needs through cooperation, assistance and investment in the field of conventional and of new and renewable sources of energy, consistent with their national policies, plans and priorities,

Reaffirming also that the developing countries have the primary responsibility for the strategies and policies for exploration and development of their energy resources,

Recognizing the importance of sustainable development,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on energy exploration and development trends in developing countries; 4/

2. Reaffirms that an adequate flow of external resources in support of the national efforts of developing countries, in particular the energy-deficient among them, is needed to finance, within the legislative framework of each country, the exploration and development of their energy resources;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the matter under constant review and to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 a report on the efforts made in this regard;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 on the role of the United Nations in devising ways and means of mobilizing the international community to increase efforts for comprehensive national, bilateral and multilateral measures to accelerate the exploration and development of energy resources in developing countries, with full respect for their national sovereignty;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to draw this matter to the attention of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and Energy for Development at its first substantive session.

24. The Economic Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade. 5/

4/ A/47/202-E/1992/51.

5/ A/47/270-E/1992/74.

DRAFT DECISION II

Report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-eighth session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-eighth session. 6/

DRAFT DECISION III

Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its sixth session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its sixth session. 7/

6/ A/47/15; to be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/47/15, vol. I).

7/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 36 (A/47/36).

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME

Report of the Economic Committee

A. Food and agricultural development

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of food and agricultural development (agenda item 12 (c)) at its 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th and 16th meetings, on 22, 24, 27 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the review and analysis of agrarian reform and rural development, prepared by the secretariat of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in collaboration with other concerned organizations and bodies of the United Nations system (E/1992/38);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the screw-worm eradication programme (E/1992/72);

(c) Report of the World Food Council on the work of its eighteenth session (WFC/1992/10). 1/

1/ For the final report, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/47/19).

2. At the 11th and 12th meetings, on 22 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the questions of food and agricultural development (agenda item 12 (c)) and the prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) (agenda item 12 (k)).

3. At the 11th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Officer-in-Charge of the secretariat of the World Food Council and the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Australia (on behalf of the Cairns group) and by the observer for Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic countries). The representative of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations made a statement. The representative of the United Nations Development Programme also made a statement.

5. At the 12th meeting, on 22 July, statements were made by the representatives of China, Japan, the United States of America, Canada, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Chile, Morocco, the Philippines and Bangladesh. The representative of the Commission of the European Communities made a statement. The representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization made a statement. The representative of the International Organization of Consumers Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council, category I, also made a statement.

Second Phase of IFAD's Special Programme for Africa

6. At the 14th meeting, on 24 July, the representative of Madagascar, on behalf of the African States, introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.11/Rev.1) entitled "Second Phase of IFAD's Special Programme for Africa".

7. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), informed the Committee of the outcome of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.11/Rev.1 (see para. 22 below, draft resolution I).

Food and agricultural development

9. At the 15th meeting, on 27 July, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.13) entitled "Food and agricultural development", which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Having considered the report of the World Food Council on its eighteenth session, held in Nairobi from 23 to 26 June 1992, 2/

"Reaffirming the role of the World Food Council in the fight against hunger,

"Expressing concern over the ever-increasing number of hungry people,

"Recognizing the need for the role and functioning of the World Food Council to be reviewed,

"1. Endorses the recommendations of the World Food Council at its eighteenth ministerial session;

"2. Welcomes the ministerial decision of the World Food Council to set up an ad hoc committee to develop specific proposals for the reform of the Council. 3/"

10. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.19), submitted on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.13.

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.19 (see para. 22 below, draft resolution II).

12. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.19, draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.13 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Documents considered by the Council in connection with the question of food and agricultural development

13. At the 16th meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the review and analysis of agrarian reform and rural development, prepared by the secretariat of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in collaboration with other concerned organizations and bodies of the United Nations system (E/1992/38) and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the screw-worm eradication programme (E/1992/72) (see para. 23 below).

2/ WFC/1992/10.

3/ Ibid., part one.

B. Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)

14. The Economic Committee considered the question of the prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) (agenda item 12 (k)) at its 11th, 12th, 15th and 16th meetings, on 22, 27 and 28 July 1992. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) (A/47/289-E/1992/68).

15. At the 11th and 12th meetings, on 22 July, the Committee held a general discussion (see paras. 2-5 above).

16. At the 11th meeting, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Deputy Director of the Global Programme on AIDS of the World Health Organization and the representative of the Economic and Social Council Affairs and Inter-Agency Coordination Division of the Department of Economic and Social Development.

Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)

17. At the 15th meeting, on 27 July, the representative of Austria introduced a draft decision (E/1992/C.1/L.14) entitled "Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)". Subsequently, Norway, 4/ Sweden and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft decision, which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council:

"(a) Endorses the recommendations of the Management Committee of the Global Programme on AIDS concerning coordination of human immunodeficiency virus/AIDS activities at both the global and the country level, and encourages all organizations of the United Nations system to collaborate in carrying out those recommendations;

"(b) Takes note of the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS; 5/

"(c) Endorses the updated global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS. 6/"

4/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

5/ A/47/289-E/1992/68, annex.

6/ World Health Assembly document A/45/29.

18. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Vice-Chairman of the committee, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.21), submitted on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft decision E/1992/C.1/L.14.

19. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.21 (see para. 22 below, draft resolution III).

20. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made a statement on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community.

21. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.21, draft decision E/1992/C.1/L.14 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

C. Recommendations of the Economic Committee

22. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Second Phase of IFAD's Special Programme for Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1989/88 of 26 July 1989, in which it stressed the urgent need for substantial progress in stimulating food production in developing countries, and 1991/95 of 26 July 1991 on the Second Phase of IFAD's Special Programme for Africa,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 45/207 of 21 December 1990, in which the Assembly urged the international community to support the efforts of developing countries by increasing even more the flow of resources, including concessional flows for agricultural development,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 46/151 of 18 December 1991, in which the Assembly adopted the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s,

Recalling resolution CM/Res.1416 (LVI) on the second phase of IFAD's Special Programme for Africa, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its fifty-sixth ordinary session and endorsed by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, held in Dakar in July 1992,

Noting with satisfaction the effective implementation of the First Phase of IFAD's Special Programme for Africa, including the mobilization of the target level of US$ 300 million,

Recalling also resolution 67/XIV of the Governing Council of IFAD on the establishment of a Second Phase of the Special Programme and its decision inter alia to:

> "take note of the appeal made by the African members that every effort should be made to reach a target of US$ 300 million for the Second Phase of the Special Programme;
>
> appeal to all members in a position to do so to contribute generously, on a voluntary basis, to the Special Resources for Africa (SRS) for the Second Phase of the Special Programme of three years, bearing in mind the level of resources mobilized for the first Phase and its successful implementation;"

Further noting the progress made on the preparatory activities for the launching of the Second Phase of the Special Programme, including the development of a pipeline of projects in an advanced stage of preparation,

Expressing its deep appreciation for the contributions pledged by a number of industrialized and developing Member States to the Second Phase of the Special Programme:

1. Appeals to the international community to contribute generously, on a voluntary basis, to the Second Phase of the Special Programme;

2. Also appeals to those donors that have generously made firm pledges for the Second Phase of the Special Programme to deposit their instruments of contribution so as to permit the Second Phase of the Special Programme to become effective as soon as possible, in 1992.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Food and agricultural development

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the World Food Council on its eighteenth session, held in Nairobi from 23 to 26 June 1992, 7/

Noting the role of the World Food Council in the fight against hunger,

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7/ WFC/1992/10.

Expressing concern over the ever-increasing number of people suffering from hunger and situations of famine,

Recognizing the need for the role, functioning and mandate of the World Food Council to be reviewed,

1. Endorses the recommendations of the World Food Council at its eighteenth ministerial session; 8/

2. Welcomes the decision of the World Food Council to set up an ad hoc committee to make specific proposals respecting the World Food Council's mandate, functions and options for its future role, for consideration by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session. 9/

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS, 10/

1. Endorses the updated global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS as the global policy framework; 11/

2. Also endorses the recommendations of the Management Committee of the World Health Organization Global Programme on AIDS concerning coordination of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)/AIDS activities at both the global and the country level, and requests all relevant organizations of the United Nations system to collaborate in carrying out those recommendations; 12/

3. Requests the relevant agencies of the United Nations system, in elaborating improved country-level coordination mechanisms, to take into account the important role the resident coordinator should play in such mechanisms to ensure effective implementation of the updated global strategy;

8/ Ibid., part one.

9/ Ibid.

10/ A/47/289-E/1992/68, annex.

11/ World Health Assembly document A/45/29.

12/ GPA/GMC/92.14.

4. Also requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/264, of 13 May 1991, to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization, acting in close collaboration with other appropriate bodies, organs and programmes of the United Nations system, to report, through the Secretary-General, to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993 on further developments concerning coordination of HIV/AIDS activities at the global and country levels.

23. The Economic Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of food and agricultural development

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the review and analysis of agrarian reform and rural development, prepared by the secretariat of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in collaboration with other concerned organizations and bodies of the United Nations system; 13/

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the screw-worm eradication programme. 14/

13/ E/1992/38.

14/ E/1992/72.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN TAX MATTERS

TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Report of the Economic Committee

A. International cooperation in tax matters

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of international cooperation in tax matters (agenda item 12 (d)) at its 8th, 9th and 16th meetings, on 20 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/1992/8).

2. At the 8th and 9th meetings, on 20 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the questions of international cooperation in tax matters (agenda item 12 (d)), transnational corporations (agenda item 12 (e)), and consumer protection (agenda item 12 (j)).

3. At the 8th meeting, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Transnational Corporations and Management Division of the Department of Economic and Social Development.

4. At the 9th meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), the Philippines, Poland, Japan, the

Russian Federation , Australia, Romania, Bangladesh, Morocco, Colombia, China and Chile and the observer for Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic countries). The representative of the International Labour Organisation made a statement. Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the International Organization of Consumers Unions, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I.

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

5. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/1992/8) (see para. 6 below, draft decision).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

6. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

DRAFT DECISION

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters. 1/

B. Transnational corporations

7. The Economic Committee considered the question of transnational corporations (agenda item 12 (e)) at its 8th, 9th and 16th meetings, on 20 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its eighteenth session (E/1992/26 and Add.1). 2/

8. At the 8th and 9th meetings, on 20 July, the Committee held a general discussion (see paras. 2-4 above and 20 below).

1/ E/1992/8.

2/ To be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 19 (E/1992/ 26).

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on the second part of its eighteenth session

9. Chapter I of the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on the second part of its eighteenth session contained three draft resolutions and one draft decision recommended for adoption by the Council.

10. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the recommendations contained in the report.

Activities of transnational corporations in South Africa

11. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution I entitled "Activities of transnational corporations in South Africa" (see para. 16 below, draft resolution I).

Activities of the former United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations and of its successor, the Transnational Corporations and Management Division

12. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution II entitled "Activities of the former United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations and of its successor, the Transnational Corporations and Management Division" (see para. 16 below, draft resolution II).

Privatization and foreign investment in the context of economic restructuring

13. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution III entitled "Privatization and foreign investment in the context of economic restructuring" (see para. 16 below, draft resolution III).

Provisional agenda and documentation for the nineteenth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

14. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Committee adopted the draft decision entitled "Provisional agenda and documentation for the nineteenth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations" (see para. 17 below, draft decision I).

Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its eighteenth session

15. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its eighteenth session (E/1992/26 and Add.1) (see para. 17 below, draft decision II).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

16. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I TO III, SEE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS ON THE SECOND PART OF ITS EIGHTEENTH SESSION (E/1992/26/Add.1)]

17. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISION I, SEE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS ON THE SECOND PART OF ITS EIGHTEENTH SESSION (E/1992/26/Add.1)]

DRAFT DECISION II

Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its eighteenth session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its eighteenth session. 2/

C. Consumer protection

18. The Economic Committee considered the question of consumer protection (agenda item 12 (j)) at its 8th, 9th and 16th meetings, on 20 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection (E/1992/48).

19. At the 8th and 9th meetings, on 20 July, the Committee held a general discussion (see paras. 2-4 above).

20. At the 9th meeting, on 20 July, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Development Policy and Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Development.

Report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection

21. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Committee, on the proposal of the Chairman, decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection (E/1992/48) (see para. 22 below).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

22. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

DRAFT DECISION

Report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection

The Economic and Social Council takes notes of the report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection. 3/

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Economic Committee

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of the International Conference on Population and Development (agenda item 12 (f)) at its 7th, 8th and 16th meetings, on 2, 20 and 28 July 1992. The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on the status of preparatory activities for the International Conference on Population and Development (E/1992/60).

2. At its 7th and 8th meetings, on 8 and 20 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item.

3. At the 7th meeting, on 8 July, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund and Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Turkey, Poland, Austria, China, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), the Russian Federation and Mexico and the observer for Egypt.

5. At the 8th meeting, on 20 July, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Benin, Bangladesh, Algeria, the United States of America, Australia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Canada.

International Conference on Population and Development

6. At the 16th meeting on 28 July, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.4) entitled "International Conference on Population and Development", submitted by the Chairman.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.4 (see para. 9 below).

8. After the draft resolution was adopted, the observer for Egypt made a statement.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

9. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

International Conference on Population and Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1989/91 of 26 July 1989 and 1991/93 of 26 July 1991,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development on the status of preparatory activities for the Conference; 1/

2. Accepts with gratitude the offer of the Government of Egypt to host the Conference;

3. Decides to convene the Conference in Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994.

1/ E/1992/60.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO MITIGATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES FOR KUWAIT AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION RESULTING FROM THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

Report of the Economic Committee

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of international cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences for Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait (agenda item 12 (i)) at its 10th and 16th meetings, on 21 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait (A/47/265-E/1992/81).

2. At its 10th meeting, on 21 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item and heard an introductory statement by the Under-Secretary-General and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the Coordination of International Cooperation to Mitigate the Environmental Consequences on Kuwait and other Countries in the Region resulting from the Situation between Iraq and Kuwait.

3. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kuwait and Bahrain and by the observers for Iraq and Saudi Arabia. The representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization made a statement.

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

4. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take

note of the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait (A/47/265-E/1992/81) (see para. 5 below).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

5. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

DRAFT DECISION

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait. 1/

1/ A/47/265-E/1992/81.